ARTICLE 7

This Protocol, which shall form an integral part of the Agreement, shall come into force on 1 August, 2005.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Protocol.

Done at New Delhi, India, this twenty-ninth day of June, 2005, in two originals in English language, each text being equally authentic.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA:	FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE:
KAMAL NATH MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY	LIM HNG KIANG MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Second phase of tax information network

2882. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated second phase of Tax Information Network; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the expenditure sanctioned for the three years period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Phase II of the Tax Information Network (TIN) was launched in July, 2005. It consists of facilities for dematerialization of Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) and Tax Collection at Source (TCS) certificates and for electronic filing of Annual Information Returns.

(b) An expenditure of Rs. 101.25 crore over three years has been sanctioned.

Monitoring of economic activities of public limited companies

2883. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to monitor from time to time, economic and administrative status of key public limited and private

limited companies in national interest including the interest of public money involved therein; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAMJ: (a) and (b) The Government monitors economic and administrative status of public and private limited companies and the public money involved therein through the relevant laws, committees and institutions.

- The Companies Act requires every company to keep proper accounts with respect to all sums of money received and spent, sales and purchases of goods, assets and liabilities of the company etc. The Central Government and the Registrar of Companies are empowered to inspect these books of accounts. SEBI is also empowered to inspect in matters covered under Section 55A of "the Companies Act.
- A High Powered Central Coordination and Monitoring Committee (CMC) co-chaired by Secretary, Department of Company Affairs (DCA) and Chairman, SEBI has been set up to monitor the action taken against the vanishing companies, and unscrupulous promoters who misused the funds raised from the public. The Committee meets from time to time.
- The Government has also set up a Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) to investigate specific cases of serious corporate frauds.

Liability of guarantors

2884. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 5002 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th May, 2005 and state:

(a) whether all guarantors where settlement is below Rs. 10 lakh been informed of the connected liability and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Legal Department of Punjab and Sind Bank has been consulted for connected liability and if not, the reasons therefor; and